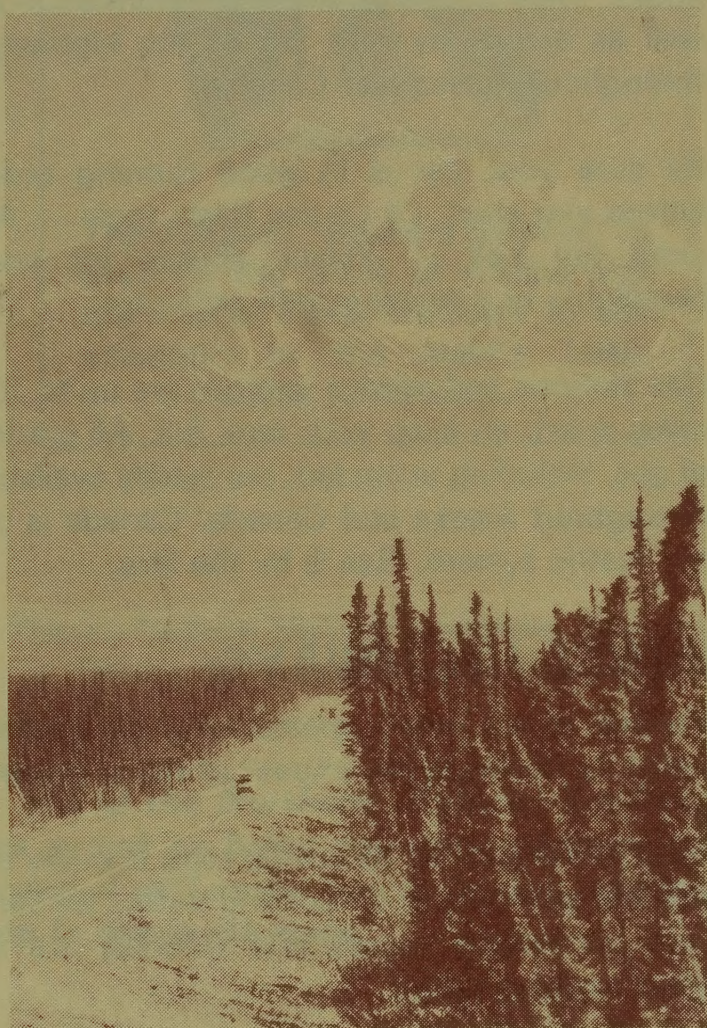


## **NORTHERN HIGHWAY TRAVEL TIPS**



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# **ALASKA**

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Fact and driving hints to help your trip be as safe and enjoyable as possible.

## **DRIVING TO ALASKA — TRIP PREPARATION:**

1. Be sure to get one of Alaska highway's guide books. They contain a world of information as well as a mile by mile log of the highways throughout Alaska and Canada.
2. Be sure your car is in good running order before you start. Of course basic tools — An extra fan belt — Plastic shields for your headlights or a metal screen protector.
3. Gas stations and service garages are up to 100 miles apart, so keep your tank full. All grades of gas, including unleaded, are readily available throughout Alaska and Canada. Canada is on the metric system. Gas is by the litre.

## **GRAVEL HIGHWAYS:**

1. Reduce speed when approaching on-coming traffic to minimize the impact of flying gravel.
2. Keep headlights on when the road is dusty so you will be visible to on-coming traffic. Be sure your windshield wipers and washers are in good working order.

## **CANADIAN REGULATIONS:**

Canadian Customs Officials will require automobile travelers to show proof of funds for the trip. Motorists may be asked to show their vehicle registration card or proof of title and proof of liability coverage.

Hand guns are not permitted in Canada — Save yourself a lot of problems and don't carry one.

Native-born U.S. citizens will need proof of residency or citizenship (birth, voter or baptismal certificate) or driver's license. U.S. Residents who are not citizens should carry their naturalization certificate or U.S. citizen I.D. card.

Pets traveling through Canada require a valid health certificate certifying that the animal is free of disease, and an up to date rabies shot.

## **TYPES OF CLOTHING:**

Alaskans are rather casual people, so bring a minimal amount of dress clothing. You will need jeans, slacks, light to medium weight jackets. Days are warm but evenings cool to approximately 55 degrees. Bring a rain coat. The best way not to need your rain gear is to have it along.

## **DRIVING ALASKA'S HIGHWAYS:**

It certainly is recommended for an adventure of a lifetime. Thousands have traveled the highways of Canada and on to Alaska to marvel at the natural wonders of our last frontier.

These highways are going to be different than those of the lower 48. You will find around 300 miles per day a nice pace: one which will enable you to take in all the scenery and other attractions.

There are camper parks and lodges throughout your journey. Stop often — Have coffee — Chat and get to know these people — Learn something about their way of life. They have stories and experiences about this far north land and will help you to enjoy your Alaskan adventure to the fullest.

May we suggest — Drive all the highway or use the Alaska State Ferry for part of your trip. Be

sure to get your reservations in early as the ferry system is sometimes booked well in advance. For a schedule write: Alaska Marine Highway System, Pouch R, Juneau, Alaska 99811. Ferry service is also available between Whittier and Valdez and from Homer to Kodiak Island.

Maybe you would rather fly to one of Alaska's major cities to start your road trip. All major cities and most major airports have auto and motorhome rentals.

We who live in Alaska, know you will not want to miss any part of this magnificent state.

Whatever direction you go, you will find adventure around the next bend in the road. Alaska has clear fresh water, fishing, wild life, and an abundance of fresh air.

Down on the Kenai Peninsula, you will find canoe and white water raft trips, salmon fishing. The water near Seward or on Homer's Kachemak Bay teems with shrimp, crab and halibut.

Drive up the Parks Highway to McKinley and on to Fairbanks to experience the frontier spirit and gold rush history. Drive to Valdez where the pipe line reaches its southern terminus, over 800 miles from Prudhoe Bay.

Visit the Matanuska Valley, Alaska's principle farming area. Continue on to Glennallen, following the Matanuska River to its source at the Matanuska Glacier.

Nearly every type of spectacular scenery and attraction can be found in Alaska. Travel by highway is the best way to insure that you'll see it all.

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